(ग) इंदिरा गांधी अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय विमान क्षेत्र, दिल्ली डी. सी. पी. विमान क्षेत्र सुरक्षा, पालम के अधीन है। इस जोन के विस्तार का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Measures to improve the standard of Medical Institutes by I.C.M.R.

1930. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research proposes to take any measure to improve the standard of medical institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether an AIDS Research Centre has been set up and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Indian Council of Medical Research has initiated several steps to improve the standard of medical institutions in the country. The Council has created 'centres for advanced research' in Medical colleges and has provided them with adequate funds so that persons of academic excellence could persue research in identified national health problem. The Council also supports research efforts of investigators in medical institutions to solve regional or local health problems, by providing grants as a part of extramural activity. Manpower development is of utmost importance in improving standards of medical institutions in the country. Realising this, the Council had initiated a talent search scheme for identifying brilliant medical graduates and supporting them throughout their post-graduation and provide them with suitable appointment to carry out medical research. The Council also provides support for junior and senior research fellows to conduct research projects under the guidance of recognised teachers in established medical institutions.

These schemes are currently undergoing some modification with a view to further improve the quality of this human resource development programme.

The Council, in addition, provides financial support, travel grants and expert advice for various seminars and workshops in medical sciences with a view to improve knowledge and skills of the medical personnel and enhance the standard of medical institutions in India.

(c) Yes, Sir. A Centre for AIDS research and control has been established as an extramural project of ICMR. The centre is temporarily located in Pune, it is expected that it will shortly be relocated in Delhi or another city. The centre is expected to play a pivotal role in AIDS research in India, including co-ordination of serosurvillance of HIV, follow up of seropositive individuals and of AIDS cases, health, education and research efforts in different aspects of HIV infection in India. Realising the importance dissemination of information on different aspects of AIDS to various groups, in the national AIDS control strategy, CARC has taken up the responsibility of bringing out a bulletin "CARC CALLING" providing information on AIDS.

सार्वजनिक स्थानों और शैक्षणिक संस्थानों में मद्यपान और धूम्रपान पर प्रतिबंध

1931. **श्री राम चन्द्र विकल** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि गुजरात, पश्चिम बंगाल और अन्य